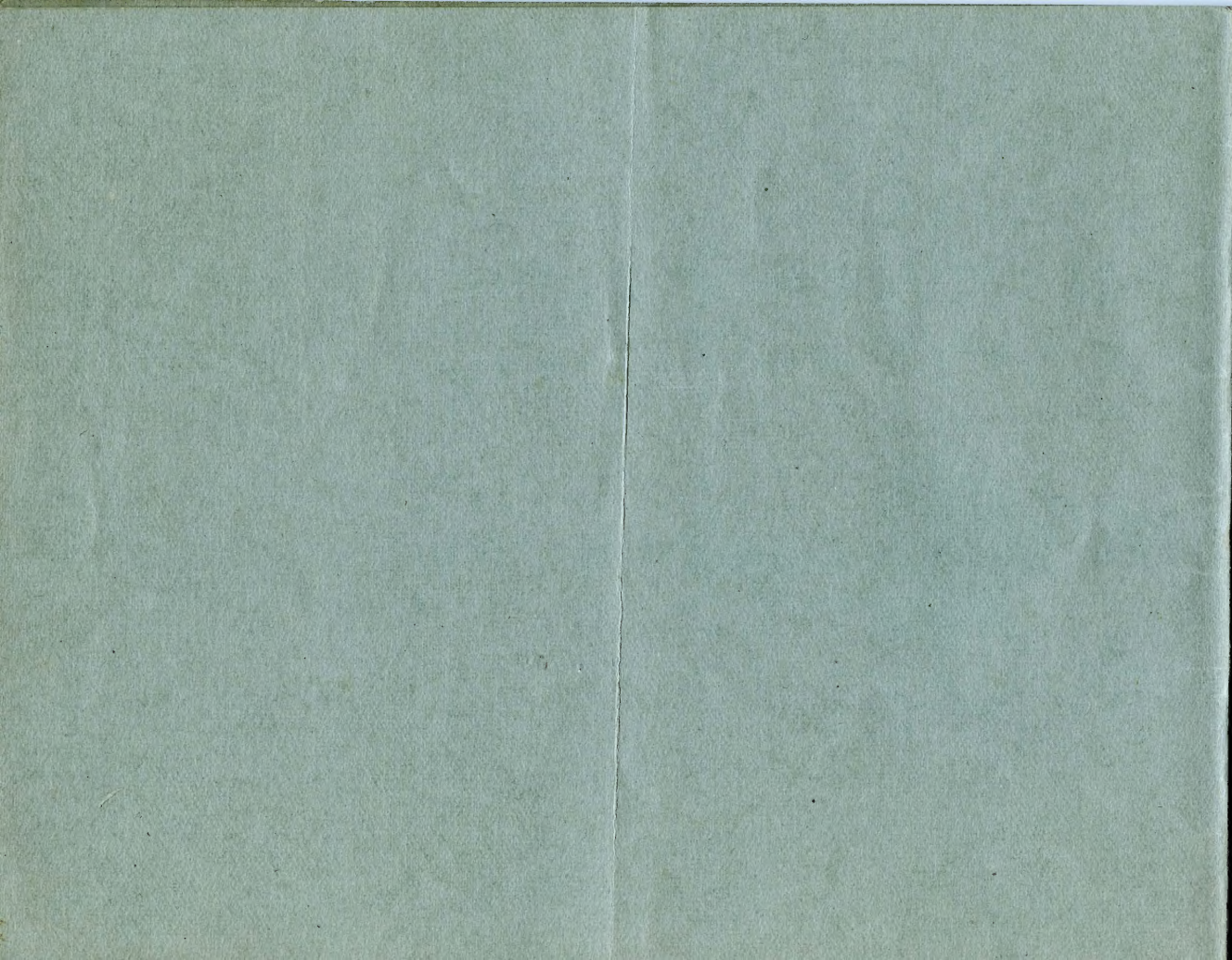




Fairhaven, Mass.



TABITHA INN



MRS. K. M. PRICE, PROPRIETOR



FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

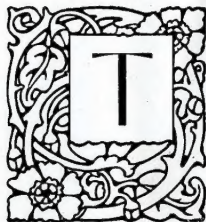


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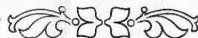


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TABITHA INN, built by Mr. Henry H. Rogers of New York, is a most attractive house. It is magnificently furnished, and has all the very latest improvements. The house is small, giving it a tone of home life, and well suited to people of refined taste who find hotel life distasteful. The table will be well supplied and daintily served, and the proprietor's successful experience in the past will enable her to suit the most fastidious. Fairhaven is just across the river from New Bedford, Mass. It is accessible in New York, being reached via the New York and New Bedford Line boats. It is only an hour and a half from Boston, via the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.



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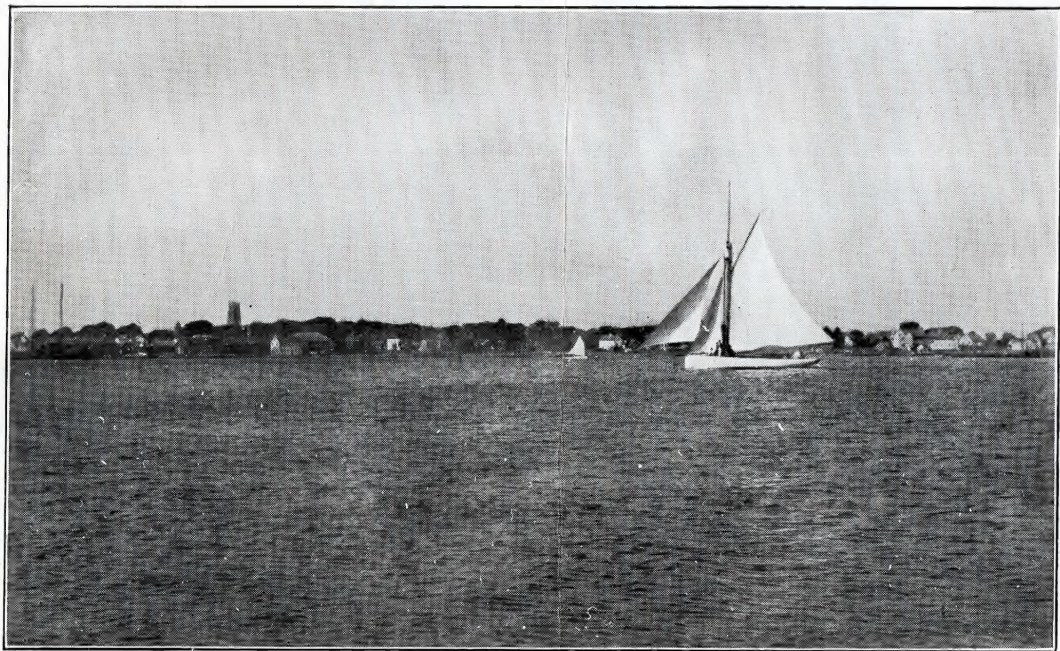
Single Rooms \$15.00 to \$25.00

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Per Day \$3.50 to \$5.00

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VIEW OF HARBOR WITH FAIRHAVEN IN BACKGROUND

FAIRHAVEN



AIRHAVEN is one of those few towns which can boast of all the conveniences of the city without any of the conventional hustle and bustle commercialism of the larger communities. It holds out a distinct inducement to the discriminating person who seeks rest and comfort among congenial surroundings. Its situation on the east bank of the Acushnet river and the possession of a fine harbor, than which there is no better along the coast, entitles it to the name which it bears. The interests of many of its townspeople are identified with the bustling city of New Bedford, situated on the west bank of the river, but the town has always held a dignified position among the community of towns of the state. One of the chief characteristics of the place is the fine public spirit of those who have chosen to make it their home. This has resulted in a concentration of civic pride that makes it an ideal spot. The plans evolved for the development of the town have been made possible through the genuine interest which Henry H. Rogers takes in his birthplace.

Magnificent Roadways and Public Buildings

No town of 4,000 inhabitants can boast of such fine roadways, such a complete sewerage system and so many magnificent public buildings as those to be found in Fairhaven. The excellent macadam roads have been extended year after year until now almost the entire town is a network of the best modern driveways. The hand-



THE NEW BEDFORD AND FAIRHAVEN BRIDGE, From the Yacht Club

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some buildings are grouped near the centre of the town. The Unitarian Memorial church, erected in memory of the mother of Mr. Rogers, is the most imposing of these edifices, and the church, with its connecting parish house and parsonage set among the green carpeted lawns, is justly known as one of the finest group of church buildings in New England. Beautiful as these buildings appear to the one who sees only the exterior, the elaborate interior fittings are even more superb. Another architectural gem is the Millicent library, a gift to the town in memory of a daughter of Mr. Rogers. The building is exquisite and tasteful in design and is the depository of as complete a collection of books as are to be found in many large city libraries. Across the way from the library is the Town hall building, a splendid specimen of civic architecture. This building stands as a memorial to Mrs. Abbie P. Rogers, the wife of Henry H. Rogers. Some of the other beautiful structures in the town are the Masonic building, the Rogers school, the summer residence of Mr. Rogers near historic Fort Phoenix, Tabitha Inn and the latest addition, the High school, one of the finest equipped school buildings in America. This school is a remarkable one in many ways, first in its appointments, which surpass anything of the kind to be found in a town of this size in the world. It is a school building of which any metropolitan city might be proud. Its location, at the Fairhaven approach to the bridge, on the north side of Huttleston avenue, is magnificent, a fitting introduction to the visitor entering Fairhaven. The interior equipment is fully in keeping with what one might expect from the exterior appearance. Its educational facilities are equal to those provided in the best universities in the world.

Historic Past of the Town

So much for what the ingenuity of man has added to the natural charms of this village by the sea. Fairhaven has its historic associations. It once vied with the



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city of New Bedford as a centre of the whaling industry. There are still numerous relics to remind one that Fairhaven was invaded by the British troops during the Revolutionary war. After landing on what is now the New Bedford side of the river on September 5, 1778, the British invaders crossed into Fairhaven and their passage through the town was marked by the plunder and burning houses. The invaders landed on the Fairhaven shore on the following day to complete the sacking of the town, but they were met by a company of determined men under the command of Major Israel Fearing and put to flight. On the old reservation of Fort Phoenix, on the parapet of which are mounted the guns of half a century ago, there is a memorial placed in honor of Major Fearing and his brave followers, a bronze tablet set in a huge boulder bearing testimony of the patriotic endeavor of Major Fearing and his men who saved the town from destruction. Set up along the central street of the town is a century old cannon which was once mounted in the main street of the town to defend its citizens from a British invasion. Another one of the interesting memorials in the town is that erected over the grave of the first white settler in the town, John Cooke, born on board the Mayflower and the last surviving Pilgrim. These memorials have been set up by the Village Improvement association, an organization of men and women that has done much to preserve the historic records of the past and has been a stimulus for good endeavor in the present.

A Community of Fine Homes

Fairhaven is distinctly a town of homes. Its broad, well aligned streets, shaded by fine old trees, are bordered by handsome residences, usually set among spacious and well kept lawns. The thickly settled portion of the village is compact, so that one travels but a short distance before arriving in the open country and amid rural scenes.



RESIDENCE OF HENRY H. ROGERS, FAIRHAVEN, South Side

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Charming Rural Drives

There are innumerable charming drives, giving the visitor a choice of driving either within view of the sea or along shaded country roads. The town is the natural centre of a number of interesting communities, among them Mattapoisett, a somewhat pretentious watering resort, and resting on the past glory of once having been an important shipbuilding centre; Rochester, one of the most historic towns of Plymouth county, within whose borders are a number of beautiful sheets of fresh water, along the shores of which are the same magnificent woods in which the Indians once built their wigwams; the town of Acushnet, which derived its name from the river which forms at what is now the southern boundary of the town.





GREEN STREET, FAIRHAVEN

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Boating, Bathing and Fishing

To those who seek the diversions suggested by the sea, Fairhaven has everything to offer. The timid will find in the upper reaches of the river as quiet a sheet of water as one would expect on an inland lake. The more sturdy adventurer has the lower harbor and the whole of Buzzards bay before him wherein he may sail as small or as large a craft as he wishes. A desire for exploration along the coast or across the bay into Vineyard sound, the great waterway of a continent, can be gratified to the fullest extent. The surrounding waters are open to the hook of the angler, and both the salt and fresh water fishing are very good. A walk of ten minutes from the centre of the town will bring one to the bathing beach, one of the popular resorts of both Fairhaven and New Bedford, and conducted under the management of the Village Improvement association. The water is of medium temperature and the gently sloping nature of the shore throws a natural element of safety about the bather. The bathhouses are well arranged and they and the grounds about them are kept in perfect order.

Steamer Excursions

From New Bedford there are many steamer excursions to delightful island points. On the beautiful island of Marthas Vineyard are Gay Head, famous for its revolving light which pilots the commerce to all eastern points. This is a town which has many claims to fame. Its citizens are the last of the race of Indians that once inhabited the island, and visitors come here for specimens of the potter's art made from the bright colored clay from the cliffs of Gay Head. Other interesting points on the island are the north shore, famed for its magnificent water views: Oak Bluffs, a summer city of cottages; and Edgartown, a quaint old town at the



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southerly end of the island. Farther at sea is the island of Nantucket, a village town and county all in itself. This is a curious and interesting island, whose genial people live the same sort of lives their forefathers lived a hundred and two hundred years ago. It was once famed as a whaling port and there are many fine homes there built by the fortunate captains of old.

Trolley Trips

There are innumerable places of interest within easy reach of Fairhaven by the trolley cars. The New Bedford & Onset line which passes through the town traverses the length of historic Plymouth county, passing through Mattapoisett, a charming little village nestling close to the sea shore; Marion, a bustling little





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community noted for its thriftiness and the civic pride of its substantial citizens, and east of that the old town of Wareham, once the centre of the iron manufacturing industry in southeastern Massachusetts. East from the village of Wareham proper the car line passes through the village of Onset, which has a somewhat flaring fame as the home of every sort of religion extant. The car line has its eastern terminus in the town of Bourne, in Barnstable county. All along the car line there are interesting bits of scenery and an excursion into any of the towns is well worth one's time.

West of Fairhaven, by passing through New Bedford, the excursionist can trolley to the village of South Dartmouth, interesting in its old salt works, the only one left on this coast, and the century-old houses that have brought many antique hunters to this section.

Clambakes on Historic Ground

There is one notable feature for which Fairhaven has gained a just renown and that is the old fashioned clambake. A summer in the New England summer resort without the succulent clambake would indeed be a farce. If the clambake institution were to pass away it would mean a loss too hard to bear. Clams cooked in seaweed heated on hot stones, together with all the other seasonable vegetables, are one of the real delicacies that New England has to offer. The excellence of Fairhaven clambakes has gone abroad and the only question has been the supply of the toothsome bivalves. It has been the usual custom to serve the bakes under canvas tents or in the open grove near the Fort Phoenix reservation, one of the most picturesque spots of the town and every foot of which is historic ground. The narrow cart path which runs down to the fort is known as Garrison Lane, for it was here that the Red Coats were met by Fairhaven's brave defenders. One can well



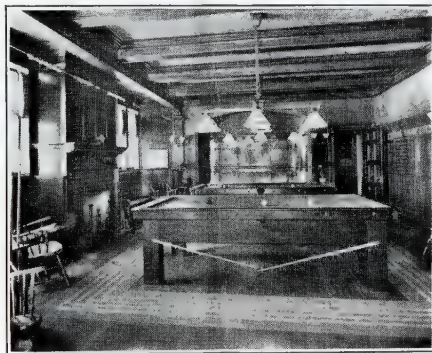
THE COUNTRY CLUB, NEW BEDFORD

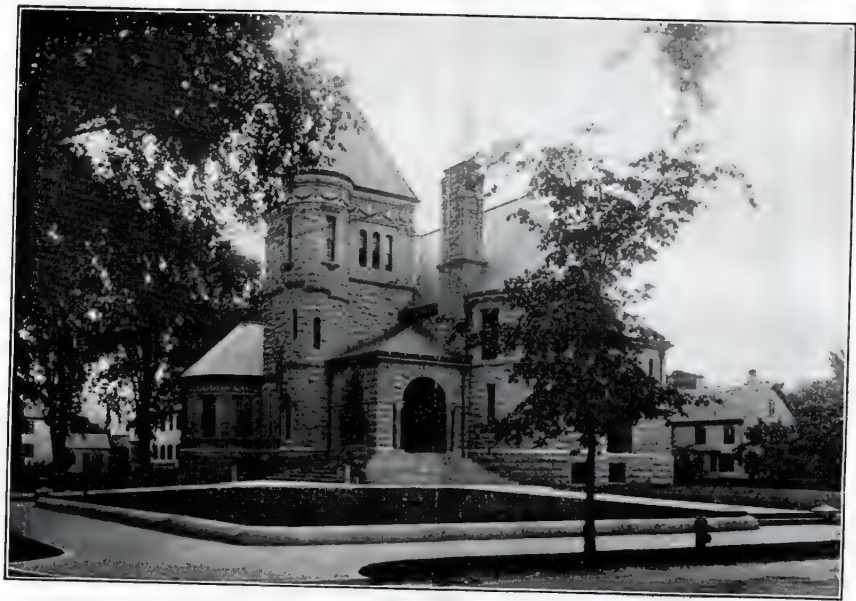
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imagine that the old laneway has changed but little since then. It is bordered by stunted cedar trees through whose sparse branches the winds of a hundred years have blown. The straggling stone walls that skirt the side of the roadway are monuments to the patience of the early settlers.

Spots to Charm the Visitor

Fairhaven has many other attractive spots to charm the visitor. In the centre of the town a wonderful transformation scene has been going on. What was once a muddy-bottomed pond has been filled in with hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of earth brought from a mile away. Over two years was occupied in this work





MILLICENT LIBRARY, FAIRHAVEN

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alone and since then the park has been set out with trees and shrubbery until it is now a beautiful spot. In order to carry on the work it was first necessary to lay out an immense drain from the upper end of the pond, designed to carry off the water which would naturally flow into the pond. In the north part of the settled portion of the town are pretty meadow lands. Lying beside the quiet waters of the Acushnet river and shaded by a magnificent growth of trees is Riverside cemetery.

Fort Phoenix and Vicinity

The fort proper is buttressed by immense ledges of granite. In places these ledges rise almost perpendicularly from the shore, and from the top one can get a fine view of the lower harbor and on clear days even the distant heights of the Elizabeth islands and Marthas Vineyard come into the charming marine picture. East of the fort and close by the shore is the great triangular-shaped beacon, surmounted by a black ball serving as one of the ranges by which pilots follow the channel of the harbor. Following the shore east from the fort one gets a good idea of the nature of the coast of this section. The marshes extend back from the shore to the wooded higher ground and the water's edge is dotted by bowlders of all sizes. This has been a favorite spot for those interested in gathering specimens of sea mosses. One soon comes in view of a summer fishing hamlet, numerous substantial cottages dotting the shore line.

Sconticut Neck

Sconticut Neck, a strip of land narrowing as it runs southerly into Buzzards bay, is within easy driving distance of the village, or one may find it a pleasant walk on a summer's day. It is an interesting section of the town for the visitor, for



FORT PHOENIX IN 1775, FAIRHAVEN

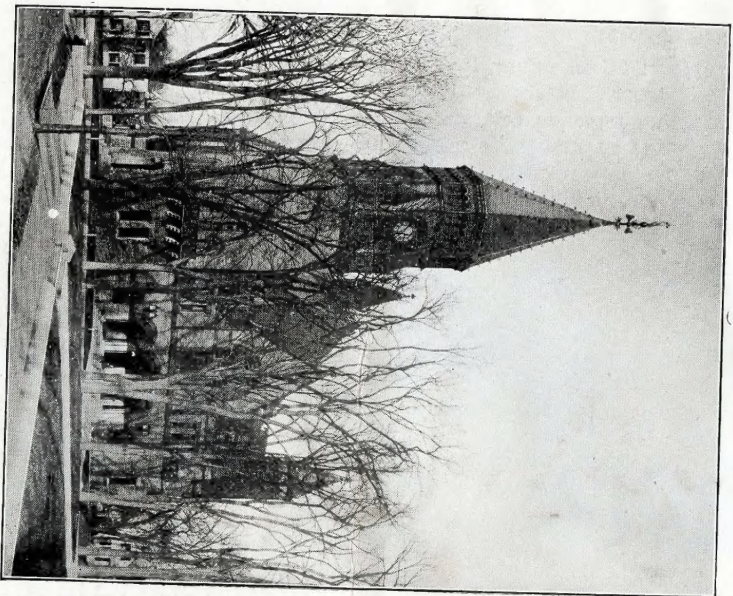
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one may see here some of the first houses erected in this part of New England. There is still standing the chimney of the old John West house, one of the few homes spared at the time the British troops marched down the Neck in 1778. The reason was because the owner of the house was a Tory. Portions of the Neck shore property have been taken up by those in search of summer homes and many have found it a very pleasant retreat. Down on the tip end of the Neck is a level bit of ground, on which numerous cottages have been erected. One can here get a fine view of the bay and at night the great revolving red and white light at Gay Head, at the southwest corner of the island of Marthas Vineyard, is seen quite plainly. Jutting out from the mainland are a series of great ledges. Off these ledges and all along in this vicinity are some of the finest fishing grounds in New England.

Abundance of Pure Water

Fairhaven is supplied with an abundance of pure water, which is pumped from springs into an immense water tower elevated to a sufficient height so that the force of the running water carries it to all parts of the town. So great is the force of the water that even in case of fire there is no necessity for the use of fire engines.

The town is connected with New Bedford by two bridges and a ferry. The main bridge, at the south, is one of the greatest structures of its kind in the country. It is seventy feet in width and is about a mile in length. It has a smooth asphalt roadway and is crossed by two lines of street railway tracks. Walking on the bridge in the moonlight is one of the favorite diversions, for here one gets a good view of the harbor and the glistening lights of the vessels at anchor. Here, too, one can hear with fine effect the chimes in the tower of the Unitarian Memorial church.



TOWN HALL, FAIRHAVEN

Dedicated Feb. 22, 1894

Presented to the Town by Mrs. Henry H. Rogers

